# Communications & Social Media

California Department of Parks and Recreation

**Engaging In Partnerships Training** 

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#### **#GREENFRIDAY**

Raising awareness for California's state park system

Promoting enjoyment and appreciation of California's beautiful state parks





More than 35K people ventured into 116 state parks

It was the first time visiting a state park to many visitors

### #InventYourAdventure

Increased stewards for California's state parks



- Engaged the public via a photo contest
- 122 entries
- Seven park accounts averaged 100 new followers
- Gained 1,285 new followers on main department account

### First Day Hikes

Encourages people to get outdoors

48 state parks hosted 68 hikes

More than 2.5k hikers took part covering over 8.6k miles of trails - both records for California







#### **Followers**

Close to 33K new followers

#### **Top Post**

From 92,567 to 125,216



#### **Followers**

3,600 new followers

From 21.5K to 25.1k

**Top Tweet** 

Soberanes Fire (July 25)



#### Details in attached photo

#### THE SOBERANES FIRE IS CURRENTLY THREATENING THE BIG SUR AREA

Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park is closed until further notice, and including day use, closed to camping, the Big Sur Lodge and all trails and backcountry camping in the area.

Andrew Molera State Park is closed until further notice.

Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park is closed until further notice.

Pt. Sur Lighthouse State Historic Park is closed until further notice.

Pine Ridge Trail to Sykes Hot Springs is closed until further notice.

Mount Manuel Trail is Closed until further notice.





#### Subscribers

224 new followers From 555 to 779

#### **Top Video**

Mama Bear and Cubs, Sugarloaf SP 5,822 views



#### We Are Parks

Connecting the public with their state parks and the dedicated staff and partners who work every day to protect California's beautiful state park system.



Episode 5: Columbia SHP Jeff Davis, State Park Peace Officer



#### **Followers**

5K+ new followers

From 1k to 6,542

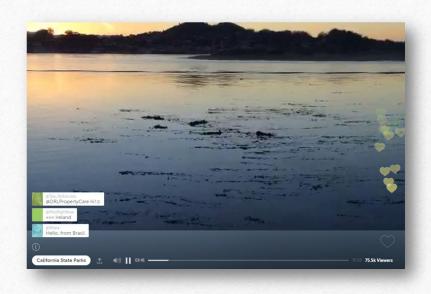
#### **Top Post**

December 27

View of Emerald Bay SP







#### Launched March 2016

2,600 Subscribers

#### **Top Scope**

Sea Otter Sunrise at Morro Bay SP

75,500 viewers

Engagement levels continue to rise

Currently at Gold Level

### Social Media

Engaging the world with...

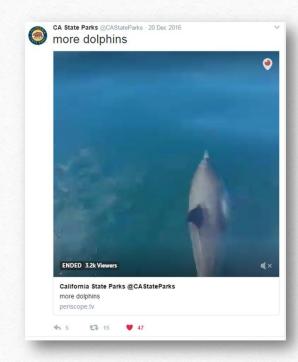
Short messages and photos

Video, real-time tools: Periscope, Instagram stories and Facebook Live

Messages in advance of holidays and national days – e.g. #NationalSelfieDay

Inspirational quotes, creative questions, Google Street Views, and etc.

And...



## Hashtags & Retweets and/or Reposts

#CAStateParks · #InventYourAdventure · #ParksPlate



#### Themes

Mon: Weekend Recap

Tues: #TransformationTuesday

Wed: #WaterWednesday

Thurs: #TravelThursday

Fri: Open

Sat: ICYMI & Seasonal

Sun: #SnapshotSunday

# Weekly Digest

Sharing Our Stories, Successes and Photos w/Staff and Partners



# Transformation Agent Network

Enhancing Communication within California State Parks



### What's Next?

Continue to Engage the Public, Staff, Partners and Media Motivate New People to Visit, Appreciate and Support California's State Parks

- Explore new ways to engage with our visitors, staff and partners
- Increase our support to the field Information Officers
- Create online subscription lists
- Share the Weekly Digest on social media
- Improve our newsroom, and public and Intranet websites
- Create more informational webpages for easy access to important information
- And etc...

# Any Questions?